



AEMA/Emergency Operations Center

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INITIAL SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 1

EMITS INCIDENT #: 12-0314

DECLARATION ID: None

State Emergency Operations Center Activation Level: III
Operational Period: 03/02/12 0945 hrs to 03/02/12 1800 hrs

<http://ema.alabama.gov>

1. CURRENT SITUATION:

A. BACKGROUND:

A FEW STRONG TO SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS ARE POSSIBLE THIS EVENING AS A WARM FRONT LIFTS NORTHWARD ACROSS CENTRAL ALABAMA. THE MAIN HAZARDOUS THREATS INCLUDE DAMAGING STRAIGHT LINE WINDS AND LARGE HAIL...GENERALLY ALONG AND NORTH OF A MILLPORT...TO BIRMINGHAM...TO HEFLIN LINE.

CURRENT STATUS/EVENTS:

B. This Afternoon:

SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS WILL DEVELOP THIS AFTERNOON ACROSS NORTHWEST CENTRAL ALABAMA AHEAD OF AND ALONG A STRONG COLD FRONT...AND CONTINUE THROUGH EARLY SATURDAY MORNING ACROSS THE SOUTHEAST. ALL SEVERE WEATHER MODES WILL BE POSSIBLE...INCLUDING DAMAGING STRAIGHT LINE WINDS...TORNADOES...LARGE HAIL...AND FLASH FLOODING. THE HIGHEST THREAT AREA FOR TORNADOES WILL BE ALONG AND NORTH OF INTERSTATE 20. THE SEVERE THREAT WILL END EARLY SATURDAY MORNING AS THE FRONT EXITS TO THE SOUTHEAST.

C. FUTURE SUMMARY/IMPACT:

DAYS TWO THROUGH SEVEN...SATURDAY THROUGH THURSDAY. THROUGH EARLY SATURDAY MORNING...SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS WILL BE POSSIBLE SOUTH OF THE INTERSTATE 85 CORRIDOR...AHEAD OF AND ALONG A STRONG COLD FRONT EXITING SOUTHEAST CENTRAL ALABAMA. ALL SEVERE WEATHER MODES WILL BE POSSIBLE...INCLUDING DAMAGING STRAIGHT LINE WINDS...LARGE HAIL...ISOLATED TORNADOES...AND FLASH FLOODING.

A DRY AIRMASS WILL SPREAD ACROSS CENTRAL ALABAMA NEXT WEEK RESULTING IN LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY VALUES AND POSSIBLE CRITICAL FIRE WEATHER CONDITIONS TUESDAY.

D. CASUALTIES: None Reported at this time

E. INJURIES: 9 total reported by Counties (7 in Madison Co, 1 in Limestone Co, and 1 in Lauderdale Co)

2. STATUS OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION:

Federal Declaration Declared: None

Governor Declared State of Emergency: Statewide: None

COUNTIES w/ Local Declarations: Limestone and Madison Counties

CITIES w/ Local Declarations: None

3. SEVERITY OF IMPACT ON LOCAL JURISDICTIONS:

A. COUNTY EOCS ACTIVATED: (See attached Map)

B. IMPACT ON INDIVIDUALS:

Counties Reporting Damage: (See attached Map)

Curfews: None

C. IMPACT ON BUSINESSES: NSTR

D. SCHOOL CLOSINGS:

- Blount County @ 1200 CST, Oneonta City (Blount) @ 1230 CST,
- Cullman County and City @ 1200 CST, Wallace State College (Cullman) @ 1230 CST
- Shelby County @ 1230 CST, U. of Montevallo (Shelby) @ 1100 CST
- Fayette County all schools dismissing @ 1200 CST
- Chilton County dismissing @ 1300 CST
- DeKalb County: Fort Payne City Schools, DeKalb County Schools and Cornerstone Christian Academy will close today @ 1230 CST

- Marshall County: All County Schools and All City Schools Systems-Albertville, Guntersville, Boaz and Arab will be closed at 1:00 PM. All After School and Evening Events have been cancelled

E. UTILITIES:

- **POTABLE WATER/SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS:** No problems reported

- **ELECTRIC POWER:**

- AL Power Company**

- Total Customers: 1.4 million

- Peak Out: 546

- Current Out: unknown

- Restoration Plan: In progress

- AL Rural Electric Association**

- Total Customers: 865,000

- Peak Out: 40,000

- Current Out: 9,000

- Restoration Plan: In progress

- TVA/AL Electric Cities**

- TVA sustained damage to one 500-kV tower in Eastern Limestone County near the Correctional Facility.
 - TVA has two 161-kV structures damaged in its Limestone to Peach Orchard 161-kV Transmission Line and has dispatched line crews to repair the damaged towers.

Critical Facilities Without Power: Limestone Correctional Facility on emergency power

- **GAS PIPELINES:** No reported shutdowns

- **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- ATT: The wireless network status is stable with no significant problems at this time. Athens had two towers experiencing trouble earlier, but the problem has been restored.
 - Southern LINC : No current Outages One site on alternative power (Capshaw Site, Madison County)
 - Verizon: 1 site down Moores Mill in Madison County

- **SEWAGE TREATMENT:** Nothing to report at this time

4. ROAD/TRANSPORTATION STATUS: No State or County Road closures

5. CRITICAL FACILITIES:

- A. HOSPITALS:** No damage or disruptions to operations reported
- B. SCHOOLS:** Madison County: Buckhorn School in New Market no injuries, roof window and vehicle damage
- C. GOVERNMENT:** : Limestone Correctional Facility damage assessments are still underway, with initial reports of operational damage to the perimeter fencing, canteen and training facilities, the K9 kennel, and roof damage on two inmate cell blocks. Approximately 300 inmates living in the affected areas will be temporarily housed elsewhere within the facility. There are no reports of serious injuries. One bloodhound, however, cannot be located. ADOC engineers are onsite to verify damage and begin emergency repairs. With the threat of more severe weather throughout the day, additional ADOC security is in place at Limestone to ensure public safety. The ADOC has also been in communication with the Department of Public Safety and other local law enforcement agencies in the case of situational need. Limestone Correctional Facility remains secure and is operating in orderly manner.
- D. HAZMAT:** NSTR

6. STATUS OF STATE OPERATIONS:

Operational Priorities:

- Public Safety
- Search & Rescue
- Emergency Medical
- Hazard Analysis, Monitoring, and Planning
- Mass Care & Special Needs
- Deployment of Resources
- Power Restoration & Contingency Planning
- Public Information & Declaration
- Damage Assessment

7. OPERATIONS SECTION:

- A. ESF - 2 Telecommunications and Information Technology:** Personnel on standby
- B. EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH:**
- ESF- 1 –Transportation (ALDOT) : NSTR
 - Forestry – NSTR
 - ESF – 13 Public Safety and Security (DPS,DOC,DCNR, ABC, and DHS)

Department of Public Safety – Officers deployed to Limestone Correctional Facility and to intersection of Nick Davis and McCully Mill Road
Alcohol Beverage Control – On Standby
Conservation - NSTR
Corrections – 200 employees at Limestone Correctional Facility
Department of Homeland Security – NSTR
Alabama National Guard – NSTR
Pardons and Parole- NSTR

C. HUMAN SERVICES BRANCH:

- ESF – 6 Mass Care, Housing, and Human Services Special Needs (DHR, SALVATION ARMY, RED CROSS)

Current As of: 1600 hrs 3/2/12			
Meals served last reporting period	0	Meals served total	0
Total Shelters Open	2	Sheltered Occupants	0
*Medical Needs Shelter	0	Occupants	200

Shelters Open:

- **Salvation Army:** 1 Canteen Open: Meridianville (Madison County)
1 Feeding Unit: Limestone Correctional Facility
- **American Red Cross:**
Madison County: Good Shepherd United Methodist Church Shelter Open
Locust Grove Baptist Church Shelter Open

Feeding Sites: Kitchens: 0
 Meals Served: 0 Total Meals Served: 0
 Snacks: 0 Total Snacks Served: 0
 Emergency Response Vehicles:
 Emergency Aid Stations: 0
 Safe & Well Registrations and Requests Processed: 0
 Clean-up Kits Distributed: 0

- **Storm Shelters:**
 - Bibb County: 4 open
 - Cullman County: 7 open
 - Marion County: 25 open
 - Marshall County: 13 open
 - Shelby County: 4 open
 - Talladega County: 5 open
- **Department Human Resources:** 24 County offices closed early
- **ESF – 8 Public Health and Medical Services (DPH):** 34 County Health Department Office Closings

Hospital report:

- Madison County: 7 injured and transported to local hospitals per County, 6 injured and transported to local hospitals per ADPH

- **ESF – 11 Agriculture (AGI): NSTR**

D. OPERATIONS SUPPORT BRANCH:

AMAS Team Status (Total):

- Medium Rescue 4 in Homewood on standby
- 25 Man LE Team on standby in Tuscaloosa

County to County Mutual Aid:

- Heavy Rescue 1 from Madison Co to the Limestone Correctional Facility/Harvest is currently back in quarters
- Madison County Sheriff has contacted Cullman County; 11 officers sent for security in damaged areas

E. INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT BRANCH:

- ESF – 12 Energy (ADECA): NSTR
- ESF – 10 Hazardous Materials Response (ADEM): NSTR
- ESF – 14 Community Recovery, Mitigation, and Economic Stabilization (ADECA): NSTR

8. PLANNING SECTION: ESF 5 Emergency Management: # Personnel Deployed/ Mobilized

Current as of: 1430 hrs 3/2/12			
ALNG		DHS	
ABC	1	DOC	200
ADECA		DOC Inmates	
ADEM		DOT	10
ADPH	6	DPS	11
AEMA	37	EMAC	
AGI	1	FOR	
ALSDE		GFBCI	
ARC	20	GSA	
AREA		Mutual Aid	
DCNR		Salv Army	9
DHR	1	BPP	
		VOAD	
Total	66	Total	230
		Grand Total	296

9. FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION SECTION: No allocations/expenditures to report

10. LOGISTICS SECTION:

A. ESF – 7 Resource Support and Logistics Management

Current Actions: NSTR

State Staging Areas: NSTR

County Staging Areas:

DESCRIPTION	ON HAND			ON ORDER			RECEIVED			SHIPPED		
	FEMA	SOSA	JASPER	FEMA	SOSA	JASPER	FEMA	SOSA	JASPER	FEMA	SOSA	JASPER
WATER												
ICE												
TARPS												
MEALS												
COTS												
GENERATORS												
BABY GOODS												
BLANKETS												
PILLOWS												
WASHCLOTHS												
COMFORT KITS												
PLASTIC SHEET												
EMPTY TRLS												

11. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SECTION:

- Provided information for the news media and done live interviews (in state and national outlets)
- Distributed 2 news releases
- Answered questions from citizens on where to find weather radios and shelter locations
- Monitored media for accuracy of information and for issues that might need to be addressed
- Used social media for sending and receiving information

12. RECOVERY/MITIGATION SECTION: NSTR

13. ARFs REQUESTED: None

14. FEMA Status Report: Available upon request.



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Executive Operations Officer



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SERT EM Chief



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Planning Section Chief



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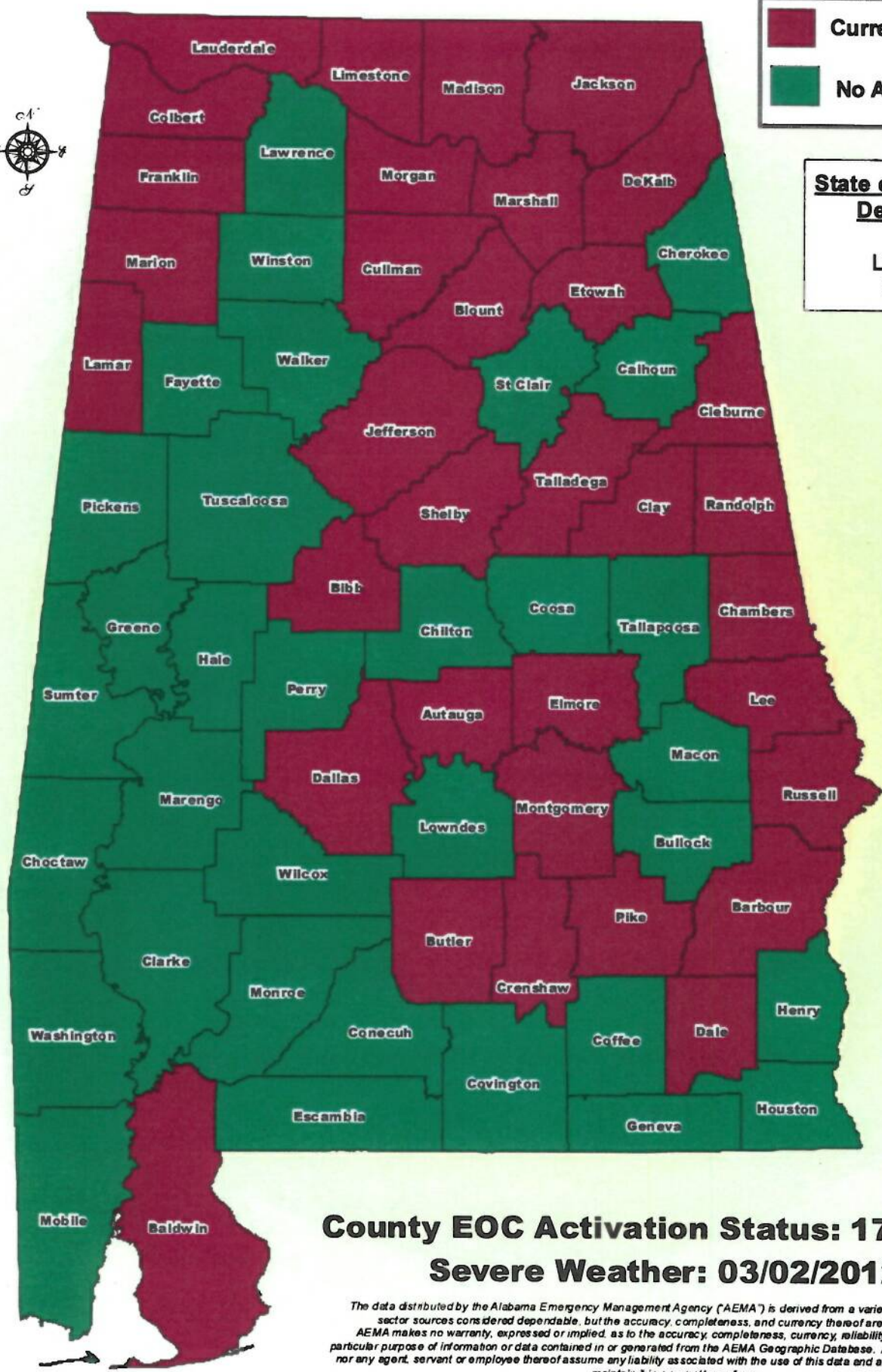


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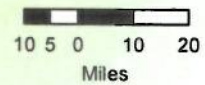
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**State of Emergency
Declarations**

Limestone
Madison

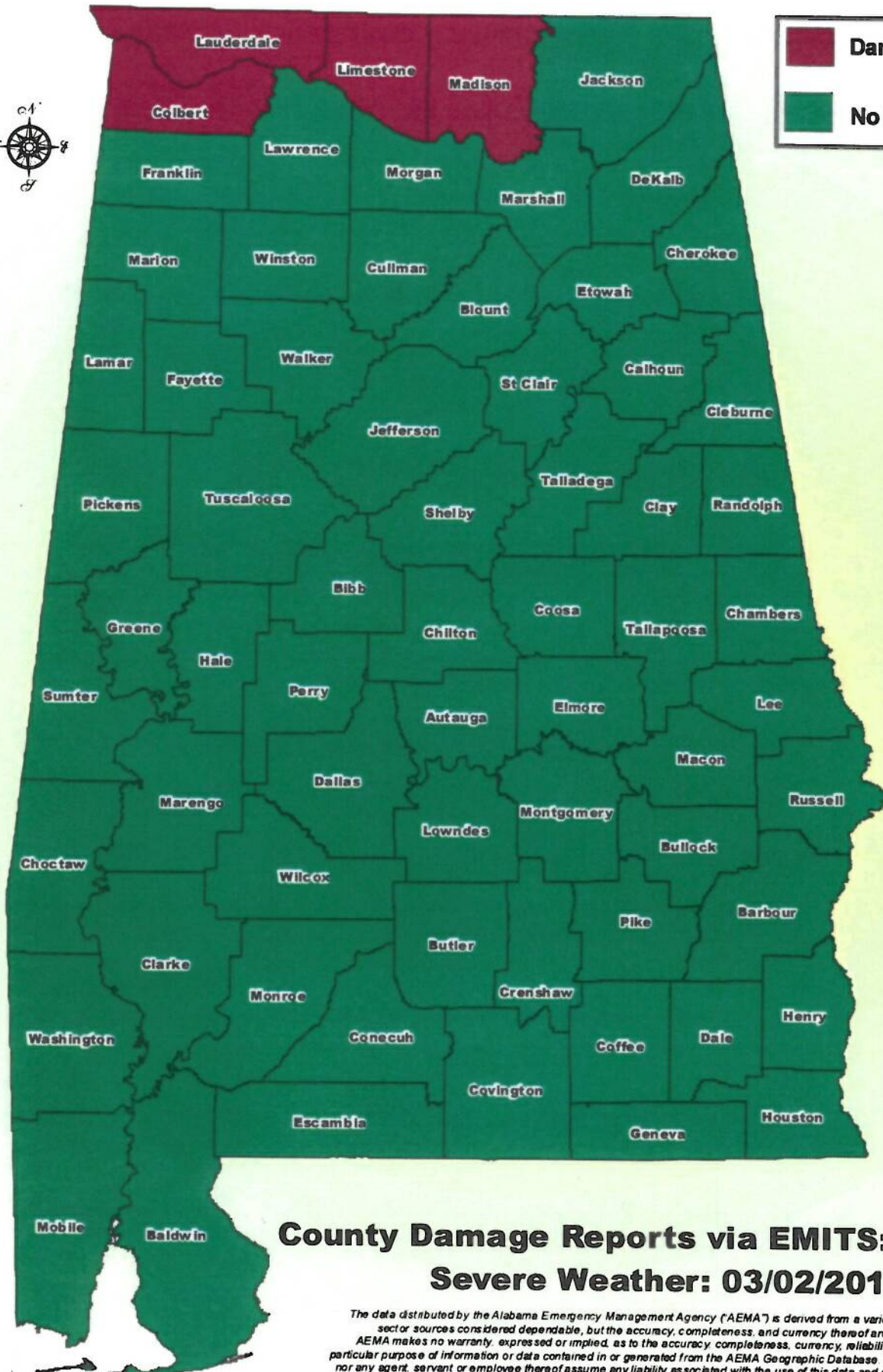
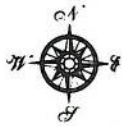


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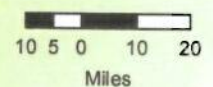


County EOC Activation Status: 1745 hrs
Severe Weather: 03/02/2012

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County Damage Reports via EMITS: 1700 hrs Severe Weather: 03/02/2012

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